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"AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE."

- Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:
- 3 "Section 1. (Effective from passage) Not later than January 1, 2023, the
- 4 Insurance Department and the Office of Policy and Management, shall,
- 5 within existing resources, prepare and submit a report, in accordance
- 6 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
- 7 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
- 8 matters relating to insurance. Such report shall include an evaluation of
- 9 the use of a captive insurance company to reduce premium rate
- increases for policyholders with long-term care insurance policies
- 11 purchased through the Connecticut Partnership for Long-Term Care,
- 12 and any other recommendations to reduce premium rate increases in

- 13 partnership long-term care policies.
- Sec. 2. Section 13b-127 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
- 15 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 16 *January 1, 2023*):
- 17 For the purposes of this section and sections 13b-127a to 13b-127l,
- 18 inclusive, as amended by this act:
- 19 (1) "Peer-to-peer car sharing" means the authorized use of a [shared]
- vehicle [for a consideration] by a person other than the [shared vehicle]
- 21 <u>vehicle's</u> owner through a <u>peer-to-peer</u> car sharing [platform] <u>program</u>.
- 22 (2) ["Peer-to-peer car sharing company" or "company"] <u>"Peer-to-peer</u>
- 23 <u>car sharing program"</u> means [any person, corporation, limited
- 24 partnership or other legal entity that is engaged in the business of
- operating a car sharing platform to enable peer-to-peer car sharing in
- 26 this state. "Peer-to-peer car sharing company"] a car sharing platform
- 27 that connects vehicle owners with drivers to enable the sharing of
- 28 <u>vehicles for financial consideration. "Peer-to-peer car sharing program"</u>
- 29 does not include any person licensed pursuant to section 14-15.
- 30 (3) "Car sharing platform" means a physical or electronic place,
- 31 including, but not limited to, a store, a booth, an Internet web site, a
- 32 catalog or a dedicated software application that allows a shared vehicle
- 33 owner to make a shared vehicle available for peer-to-peer car sharing
- and connect a shared vehicle owner with a shared vehicle driver.
- 35 (4) "Car sharing agreement" means the terms and conditions
- 36 applicable to a shared vehicle owner and a shared vehicle driver that
- 37 govern the use of a shared vehicle through a peer-to-peer sharing
- 38 program. "Car sharing agreement" does not include any motor vehicle
- 39 rental contracts.
- 40 (5) "Shared vehicle" means a vehicle that is available for sharing [on
- 41 a] through a peer-to-peer car sharing [platform] program. "Shared
- 42 vehicle" does not include a passenger motor vehicle used for rental

- 43 purposes by any person licensed pursuant to section 14-15.
- 44 (6) "Shared vehicle driver" means a person authorized by the shared 45 vehicle owner to drive the shared vehicle under a car sharing 46 agreement. <u>"Shared vehicle driver" does not include a lessee, as that</u> 47 term is used in section 14-15.
- 48 (7) "Shared vehicle owner" means the registered owner, or a person 49 or entity designated by the registered owner, of a vehicle made available 50 on a <u>peer-to-peer</u> car sharing [platform] <u>program.</u> "Shared vehicle 51 <u>owner</u>" does not include a person licensed or required to be licensed 52 pursuant to section 14-15.
- 53 (8) "Car sharing delivery period" means the period of time during 54 which a shared vehicle is being delivered to the location of the car 55 sharing start time, if applicable, as documented by the car sharing 56 agreement.
- 57 (9) "Car sharing period" means the period of time that begins at the 58 start of the car sharing delivery period or, if there is no car sharing 59 delivery period, that begins at the car sharing start time, and ends at the 60 car sharing termination time.
 - (10) "Car sharing start time" means the time when a shared vehicle driver takes possession and control of the shared vehicle at or after the time the reservation of a shared vehicle is scheduled to begin [pursuant to a car sharing agreement] as documented in the records of the peer-to-peer car sharing program.
- 66 (11) "Car sharing termination time" means the earliest of the 67 following events:
- (A) The expiration of the agreed upon period of time established for the use of a shared vehicle according to the terms of the car sharing agreement if the shared vehicle is delivered to the location agreed upon in such agreement;
- 72 (B) When the shared vehicle is returned to a location as alternatively

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73 agreed upon by the shared vehicle owner and shared vehicle driver as 74 communicated through a car sharing [platform] program and 75 incorporated into the car sharing agreement; or

- (C) When the shared vehicle owner or the shared vehicle owner's authorized designee takes possession and control of the shared vehicle.
- 78 Sec. 3. Section 13b-127a of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes 79 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective 80 January 1, 2023):
- 81 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a peer-to-peer 82 car sharing [company] program shall assume liability of a shared vehicle 83 owner for bodily injury or property damage to third parties, or 84 uninsured and underinsured motorist or personal injury protection 85 losses, during the car sharing period in an amount stated in the peer-to-86 peer car sharing agreement, but not less than the minimum amounts 87 required by subsection (a) of section 14-112.
 - (b) The assumption of liability under subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to any shared vehicle owner who: (1) Makes an intentional or fraudulent material misrepresentation or omission to the peer-to-peer car sharing [company or on] program or through the car sharing [platform] program before the car sharing period in which the liability arose; or (2) acts in concert with a shared vehicle driver who fails to return the shared vehicle pursuant to the car sharing agreement.
- 95 (c) The assumption of liability under subsection (a) of this section 96 shall apply to bodily injury, property damage, uninsured and underinsured motorist or personal injury protection losses by damaged 97 98 third parties, in accordance with section 14-112.
- 99 [(c)] (d) A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program shall ensure 100 that, during each car sharing period, the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle driver are insured under an automobile liability insurance policy that: (1) Provides insurance coverage in amounts not less than the minimum amounts required by subsection (a) of section

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104 14-112; and (2) recognizes that the shared vehicle insured under the 105 policy is made available and used through a car sharing [platform] 106 <u>program</u>, or does not exclude the use of a shared vehicle by a shared 107 vehicle driver.

- [(d)] (e) The coverage requirements of subsection [(c)] (d) of this section may be satisfied by an automobile liability insurance maintained by the shared vehicle owner, the shared vehicle driver, the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> or the shared vehicle owner, the shared vehicle driver and the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program.
- [(e)] (f) The [automobile liability insurance maintained pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall assume primary liability for a claim:]
 insurer, insurers or peer-to-peer car sharing program providing or maintaining coverage under subsection (d) or (e) of this section shall assume primary liability for a claim when:
 - (1) [During each car sharing period;] A dispute exists as to who was in control of the shared motor vehicle at the time of the loss and the peer-to-peer car sharing program does not have available, did not retain or fails to provide the information required by section 13b-127d, as amended by this act; or
 - (2) [When a dispute exists as to who was in control of the shared vehicle at the time of the loss and the peer-to-peer car sharing company does not have available, did not retain or fails to provide the information required by section 13b-127d that relates to the claim; or] A dispute exists as to whether the shared vehicle was returned to the alternatively agreed upon location as agreed to by the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle operator.
- [(3) When a dispute exists as to whether the shared vehicle was returned to the alternatively agreed upon location as communicated through the car sharing platform and incorporated into the car sharing agreement.
- (f) If a claim occurs during the car sharing period in another state with

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minimum financial responsibility requirements that are higher than the minimum amounts required by subsection (a) of section 14-112, the automobile liability insurance policy maintained pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall provide coverage to satisfy the minimum amounts required by the other state, up to the applicable policy limits.]

- (g) The liability insurance described in subsection (e) of this section that satisfies the insurance requirement of subsection (d) of this section shall be primary during each car sharing period and in the event that a claim occurs in another state with minimum financial responsibility limits higher than those established in subsection (a) of section 14-112, during the car sharing period, the coverage maintained under subsection (e) of this section shall satisfy the difference in minimum coverage amounts, up to the applicable policy limits.
- [(g)] (h) If an automobile liability insurance policy maintained by a shared vehicle owner or shared vehicle driver has lapsed or does not provide the coverage required pursuant to subsection [(c)] (d) of this section, the [peer-to-peer car sharing company's automobile liability insurance policy shall provide such coverage] insurance maintained by a peer-to-peer car sharing program shall provide the coverage required by subsection (d) of this section, beginning with the first dollar of a claim, and [the insurance company issuing such policy] shall have the duty to defend a claim except under circumstances as set forth in subsection (b) of this section.
- [(h)] (i) Coverage under an automobile insurance policy maintained by the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> shall not be contingent on another automobile insurance company first denying a claim, nor shall such other insurance company be required to first deny a claim.
- 163 [(i)] (j) Nothing in this section shall:
- 164 (1) Limit the liability of the peer-to-peer car sharing [company]
 165 <u>program</u> for any act or omission of the [company] <u>program</u> that results
 166 in bodily injury to any person as a result of the use of a shared vehicle

- through a car sharing [platform] program; or 167
- 168 (2) Limit the ability of the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] 169
- program to contract for indemnification from the shared vehicle owner 170 or the shared vehicle driver for economic loss sustained by the
- 171 [company] <u>program</u> resulting from a breach of the terms and conditions
- 172 of the car sharing agreement.
- 173 Sec. 4. Section 13b-127b of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
- 174 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 175 *January 1, 2023*):
- 176 When a vehicle owner registers as a shared vehicle owner with a
- 177 peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program but before the shared
- 178 vehicle is made available on the car sharing [platform] program, the
- 179 peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program shall notify the shared
- 180 vehicle owner that, if the shared vehicle has a lien against it, the use of
- 181 the shared vehicle through a car sharing [platform] program, including
- 182 use without physical damage coverage, may violate the terms of the
- 183 contract with the lienholder.
- 184 Sec. 5. Section 13b-127c of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
- 185 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 186 *January 1, 2023*):
- 187 (a) An insurance company that offers automobile liability insurance
- 188 coverage in this state may offer automobile liability insurance policies
- 189 to individuals that exclude any or all coverage and the duty to defend
- 190 or indemnify any claim afforded under a shared vehicle owner's
- 191 automobile liability insurance policy. Such exclusions may include, but
- 192 are not limited to: (1) Liability coverage for bodily injury and property
- 193 damage; (2) personal injury protection coverage; (3) uninsured and
- 194 underinsured motorist coverage; (4) medical payments coverage; (5)
- 195 comprehensive physical damage coverage; or (6) collision physical
- 196 damage coverage.
- 197 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to: (1) Invalidate or limit

an exclusion contained in an automobile liability insurance policy, including any insurance policy that excludes coverage for motor vehicles made available for rent, sharing, hire or business use, or (2) invalidate, limit or restrict an insurance [company that offers] company's ability to offer automobile liability insurance coverage to underwrite, cancel or not renew any insurance policy. Nothing in this section shall be construed to invalidate, limit or restrict an insurer's ability to cancel and not renew policies.

Sec. 6. Section 13b-127d of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2023*):

A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> shall collect and verify records pertaining to the use of a shared vehicle, including, but not limited to, the times used, location of the car sharing start time and car sharing termination time, car sharing period fees paid by the shared vehicle driver and revenues received by the shared vehicle owner. The [company] <u>program</u> shall provide such records [: (1) Upon] <u>upon</u> request to the shared vehicle owner, the shared vehicle owner's insurance company or the shared vehicle driver's insurance company to facilitate a claim coverage investigation, settlement, negotiation or litigation, or (2) as required by an agreement entered into pursuant to section 13b-127l. [The company] <u>The program</u> shall retain the records for a time period not less than the applicable personal injury statute of limitations.

Sec. 7. Section 13b-127e of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2023*):

A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> and a shared vehicle owner shall be exempt from vicarious liability [in accordance] <u>consistent</u> with 49 USC 30106, as amended from time to time, and under any state law or municipal ordinance that imposes liability solely based on vehicle ownership.

Sec. 8. Section 13b-127f of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes

- is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 232 *January 1, 2023*):
- 233 An insurance company that defends or indemnifies a claim against a
- 234 shared vehicle that is excluded under the terms of its automobile
- liability insurance policy shall have a right to seek recovery against the
- insurance company of the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u>
- 237 if the claim is: (1) Made against the shared vehicle owner or the shared
- 238 vehicle driver for loss or injury that occurs during the car sharing
- 239 period; and (2) excluded under the terms of its policy.
- Sec. 9. Section 13b-127g of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
- 241 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 242 *January* 1, 2023):
- 243 (a) A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> shall have an
- insurable interest in a shared vehicle during the car sharing period.
- Nothing in this subsection shall create liability for a peer-to-peer car
- 246 sharing [company] program for failure to maintain the insurance
- 247 coverage required pursuant to section 13b-127a, as amended by this act.
- 248 (b) A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program may own and
- 249 maintain, as the named insured, one or more policies of automobile
- 250 liability insurance that provides coverage for: (1) Liability assumed by
- 251 the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program under a car sharing
- agreement; (2) any liability of the shared vehicle owner; (3) damage or
- loss to the shared vehicle; or (4) any liability of the shared vehicle driver.
- Sec. 10. Section 13b-127h of the 2022 supplement to the general
- statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 256 (*Effective January 1, 2023*):
- Each car sharing agreement shall, at a minimum, disclose to the
- shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle driver:
- 259 (1) Any right of the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> to

seek indemnification from the shared vehicle owner or the shared vehicle driver for economic loss sustained by the [company] <u>program</u> resulting from a breach of the terms and conditions of the car sharing agreement;

- (2) That an automobile liability insurance policy issued to the shared vehicle owner for the shared vehicle or to the shared vehicle driver does not provide a defense or indemnification for any claim asserted by the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program;
- 268 (3) That the peer-to-peer car sharing [company's] <u>program's</u> 269 insurance coverage on the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle 270 driver is in effect only during each car sharing period and that, for any 271 use of the shared vehicle by the shared vehicle driver after the car 272 sharing termination time, the shared vehicle driver and the shared 273 vehicle owner may not have insurance coverage;
- 274 (4) The daily rate, fees and, if applicable, any insurance or protection 275 package costs that are charged to the shared vehicle owner or the shared 276 vehicle driver;
- 277 (5) That the shared vehicle owner's automobile liability insurance 278 may not provide coverage for a shared vehicle;
- 279 (6) An emergency telephone number to personnel capable of 280 answering calls for roadside assistance and other customer service 281 inquiries; and
- 282 (7) If there are conditions under which a shared vehicle driver shall 283 maintain a personal automobile insurance policy with certain applicable 284 coverage limits on a primary basis to book a shared vehicle.
- Sec. 11. Section 13b-127i of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2023*):
- (a) A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> may not enter into a car sharing agreement with a shared vehicle driver unless the shared

290 vehicle driver holds an operator's license, as defined in section 14-1, that 291 authorizes the driver to operate a motor vehicle of the same class as the 292 shared vehicle.

- 293 (b) A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program shall keep a record 294 of: (1) The name and address of the shared vehicle driver; (2) the number 295 of the operator's license of each shared vehicle driver; and (3) the place 296 of issuance of the operator's license.
- 297 Sec. 12. Section 13b-127j of the 2022 supplement to the general 298 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof 299 (Effective January 1, 2023):
 - A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program is responsible for any equipment, such as a global positioning system, that is put in or on the shared vehicle to monitor or facilitate the car sharing transaction. The [company] program shall indemnify and hold harmless the shared vehicle owner for any damage to or theft of such equipment during the car sharing period, unless caused by the vehicle owner. The [company] program has the right to seek indemnification from the shared vehicle driver for any loss or damage to such equipment that occurs during the car sharing period.
- 309 Sec. 13. Section 13b-127k of the 2022 supplement to the general 310 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof 311 (Effective January 1, 2023):
- 312 (a) When a shared vehicle owner registers a shared vehicle with a 313 peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program but before the shared vehicle is available on the car sharing [platform] program, the 315 [company] program shall: (1) Verify that the shared vehicle is not subject 316 to a safety recall for which the repairs have not been made; and (2) notify 317 the shared vehicle owner of the requirements under subsection (b) of 318 this section.
- 319 (b) (1) If a shared vehicle owner received an actual notice of a safety 320 recall for the shared vehicle, the shared vehicle owner shall not make

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the shared vehicle available on the car sharing [platform] <u>program</u> until the safety recall repair has been made.

(2) If a shared vehicle owner receives an actual notice of a safety recall for a shared vehicle while the shared vehicle is available on the car sharing [platform] <u>program</u>, the shared vehicle owner shall remove the shared vehicle's availability on the [platform] <u>program</u> as soon as practicable after receiving such notice and until the safety recall repair has been made.

(3) If a shared vehicle owner receives an actual notice of a safety recall for a shared vehicle during the car sharing period, the shared vehicle owner shall notify both the shared vehicle driver and the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> of the safety recall as soon as practicable."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section
Sec. 2	January 1, 2023	13b-127
Sec. 3	January 1, 2023	13b-127a
Sec. 4	January 1, 2023	13b-127b
Sec. 5	January 1, 2023	13b-127c
Sec. 6	January 1, 2023	13b-127d
Sec. 7	January 1, 2023	13b-127e
Sec. 8	January 1, 2023	13b-127f
Sec. 9	January 1, 2023	13b-127g
Sec. 10	January 1, 2023	13b-127h
Sec. 11	January 1, 2023	13b-127i
Sec. 12	January 1, 2023	13b-127j
Sec. 13	January 1, 2023	13b-127k